

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4356
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NON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL GAS PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cardio-Thoracic unit of the ESI Hospital Indiranagarm, Bangalore has become totally defunct due to non-availability of the Medical Gas Pipeline;
- (b) if so, whether a request has been made for the installation of Medical Gas Pipeline to start this unit at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir. Neither has a Cardio-Thoracic Unit been set up at ESI Hospital Indiranagaram, Bangalore nor has any proposal been received for equipping the said unit. However, a proposal was received to accord concurrence for installing a Medical Gas Pipeline for commissioning a Cardio-thoracic unit.

(b) & (c): A revised proposal for installing a Medical Gas Pipeline for ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore and not for the Cardio-thoracic unit costing Rs.25 lakh has been received. The Karnataka Public Works Department, the construction agency in consultation with Medical Superintendent prepared the estimates. The offer received from a single company for Rs.45 lakh could not be accepted being a single offer. The construction agency has been advised to review the specifications for better functioning of the system and furnish the revised estimates which are awaited.